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### 1. CHINA

FRG PARLIAMENTARIAN FRANZ-JOSEF STRAUSS IN PEKING ON PRIVATE VISIT, HAD "FRIENDLY" TALK WEDNESDAY WITH CHAIO KUAN-HUA ACCORDING NCNA (AFP, WP). STRAUSS TOLD REPORTERS 9/18 THAT PRC IS DISAPPOINTED BY SLOW PACE OF WEST EUROPE'S UNIFICATION AND ITS FAILURE ESTABLISH INTEGRATED DEFENSE SYSTEM; SAID CHAIO WARNED REPEATEDLY THAT SOVIET MILITARISM THREATENS EUROPE. STRAUSS SAID PEKING HAS REAL INTEREST IN EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET, FOR BOTH POLITICAL/TRADING PURPOSES; DECLARED THERE IS COMMON IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN PRC, EUROPE, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WISHES MORE EUROPEAN POLITICIANS SERIOUSLY APPRECIATED THIS. STRAUSS, IN PEKING TO ATTEND GIANT WEST GERMAN TRADE FAIR, EXPECTED HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS THURSDAY (REUTER PEKING).

SUN'S WU, IN HK, SEES IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT AGRIC CONFERENCE IN NORTHERN PRC UNDERSCORED BY ATTENDANCE OF CHIANG CHING AND TENG HSIAO-PING. NOTES THIS FIRST NATIONAL ECON CONFERENCE SINCE CHOU EN-LAI

OUTLINED COUNTRY'S SHORT-TERM/LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AT NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS IN JAN.

NYT HAS NCNA/AP PHOTO OF CHIANG CHING HELPING DIG IRRIGATION DITCH MONDAY IN SHANSI PROVINCE. REUTER (PEKING) OBSERVES PRC NEWSPAPERS WEDNESDAY PRINTED THESE PICS OF CHIANG CHING. NOTES WAS SECOND SUCCESSIVE DAY PRESS FOCUSED ON HER, HAVING REPORTED TUESDAY HER SPEECH TO SHANGSI PROVINCE AGRIC CONFERENCE AND, IN APPARENT DISPLAY OF POLITICAL UNITY, PICTURED HER SITTING BESIDE TENG HSIAO-PING, WITH YAO WEN-YUAN ON OTHER SIDE (CSM).

CCK SAYS ROC HAS ABILITY MANUFACTURE NUKE WEAPONS, BUT WILL NEVER DO SO. ADDS GOVT NEITHER DESIRES NOR NEEDS US TROOPS FOR DEFENSE ROC (UPI PHINQ, WP).

REUTER (TAIPEI) QUOTES "INFORMED SOURCES" THAT CKS WIDOW FLYING US FOR "URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT" FOR CANCER (NYT); SEEN OFF BY ROC PRES YEN AND CCK; SHE SAID BECAUSE OF GIMO'S LONG ILLNESS, SHE HAD NEGLECTED OWN CONDITION (WP).

## 2. JAPAN

BANK OF JAPAN THURSDAY ALLOWED DOLLAR RATE DRIFT TO 300 YEN, TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS, ACCORDING BANK SOURCES. HAS BEEN SUPPORTING AT 298 SINCE JUNE (REUTER TOKYO).

AP (WASHINGTON) REPORTS ARRIVAL JSP DELEGATION, TO DISCUSS ASIAN SECURITY, PARTICULARLY KOREA, WITH ADMIN, UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. VISIT SEEN AS ATTEMPT SOFTEN JSP'S ANTI-US IMAGE (NYT).

TEN JAPANESE UTILITIES CONTEST ASSESSMENT OF 9.2 MILLION DOLS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, PENALTIES ON 320 MILLION DOLS WORTH NUCLEAR FUEL STORED OAK RIDGE. CITY MANAGER WM HADDOCK SAID FIRMS AGREED BUY, STORE ENRICHED URANIUM IN 1973 TO EASE US TRADE DEFICIT. ALSO SAID DOS VIEWED ASSESSMENT "WITH CONCERN" BUT DID NOT SAY "IN ANY WAY" ACTION ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER (AP, CSM).

PAUL RICHARD (WP) SAYS "ART TREASURES FROM IMPERIAL

COLLECTIONS" OPENING TODAY AT SMITHSONIAN IS  
"REFRESHINGLY RITZY" COMPARED PRC EXHIBIT LAST YR;  
40 OBJECTS IN IT WERE OWNED -- AND ALSO MADE BY --  
EMPERORS AND EMPRESSES OF JAPAN, INCLUDING FIVE  
PAINTINGS BY EMPRESS NAGAKO.

CABINET COUNCIL ON ECON AFFAIRS, HEADED BY DEP PM  
FUKUDA, WEDNESDAY APPROVED 6.7 BILLION DOL GOJ  
SPENDING PROGRAM TO SHORE UP SAGGING ECONOMY  
(PHINQ). CULLISON (JOC) NOTES MIKI EXPRESSED  
CONFIDENCE IN DIET SPEECH JAPANESE WILL FALL BACK  
ON "DILIGENCE, SAGACITY AND VIGOR" TO EXTRICATE  
SELVES FROM STAGFLATION.

MITI SAID TUESDAY JAPAN'S TRADE CONTINUED CRUMBLE IN  
AUGUST; ACHIEVED ONLY GAINS IN TRADE WITH COMMUNIST  
AREAS. AUGUST EXPORTS TOTALED 4.3 BILLION DOLS,  
IMPORTS 4.4 BILLION DOLS. MITI SPOKESMAN SAID EXPORTS  
WOULD REMAIN "SLUGGISH" FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, PENDING  
RECOVERY ON NON-COMMUNIST WORLD'S ECONOMY (UPI NYT,  
JOC). MOF SAID AUGUST TRADE DEFICIT 270 MILLION DOLS (WP).

CULLISON NOTES SHIPBUILDERS ASSN OF JAPAN  
PLANNING DEFEND SELVES AGAINST DUMPING CHARGES IN  
MEET WITH ASSN OF WEUR SHIPBUILDERS, TOKYO NOV 6;  
WEUROPEANS ACCUSE THEM OF CONDUCTING TRADE WAR TO  
MONOPOLIZE MARKET.

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JAPAN FISHERMEN DECIDE SEEK PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH NK  
TO ASSURE SAFE FISHING OPERATIONS. MOVE FOLLOWS  
SEIZURE OF JAPANESE FISHING BOAT IN YELLOW SEA SEPT 9  
(AFP, WP).

MITSI OFFERS 50 MILLION DOL, 7.25 PERCENT CONVERTIBLE  
DEBENTURES DUE 1990; SALES HANDLED BY SMITH BARNEY  
AND CO, GOLDMAN, SACHS AND CO, NOMURA SECURITIES  
(WSJ, NY).

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT FIGURES SHOW SHARP IMPROVEMENT  
IN JAPANESE WOOL PURCHASES APR, MAY, BUT NO TREND  
APPARENT (JOC, LONDON).

### 3. KOREA

HONOLULU MAYOR FASI OPENED ANNUAL MEETING PACIFIC-  
ASIAN CONGRESS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN SEOUL WEDNESDAY  
WITH ATTACK ON OPEC, PRES FORD, CONGRESS -- "WE HAVE  
AN INEFFECTIVE PRESIDENT AND A DO-NOTHING CONGRESS"  
WHEN COMES TO FINDING ANSWERS TO HIGH PRICE OF OIL,  
WHICH CAUSING "UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, HUNGER AND

THE CURRENT WORLD-WIDE RECESSION" (AP, WP).

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS WORK ON FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
BEING BUILT IN ROK BY WESTINGHOUSE, UK GE, GEORGE WIMPY,

RUNNING "SERIOUSLY" BEHIND SCHEDULE AND ROK OFFICIALS  
HAVE EXPRESSED "CONCERN" TO VISITING UK TRADE  
MIN SHORE.

KOREAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL APPEAR ON WMAR-TV  
(BALTIMORE) SATURDAY, 4 PM, IN HALF-HR SHOW  
DEDICATED TO KOREAN THANKSGIVING; COMPOSED OF MORE  
THAN 40 KOREAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN UNDER 15 YRS AGE (SUN).

#### 4. INDOCHINA

TWO FORMER SVN AGENTS WHO ALLEGEDLY COOPERATED WITH  
CIA SENTENCED TO DEATH (WP). PRG PRES SAYS REUNIFICATION  
WOULD FAVOR ECON DEVELOPMENT BOTH AREAS, WILL TAKE  
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SOME TIME (UPI, NYDN). SAIGON SAYS READY COOPERATE  
WITH CAPITALISTS WHO WANT HELP REBUILD COUNTRY. ADDS  
WILL ELIMINATE HOARDING, PUNISH SPECULATORS (REUTER HK).

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP), IN ARTICLE ON SENATE CIA PROBE,  
SAY PRES KENNEDY APPARENTLY APPROVED 8/23/63 CABLE DIRECT-  
ING US EMBASSY SAIGON ARRANGE DIEM OVERTHROW.

#### 5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

KY STARTS COLLEGE TALKS WITH LECTURE AT U OF VA; PROMISES  
NOT REKINDLE VN ISSUE, BUT TRY ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS  
WAR RAISED. DOZEN STUDENTS PICKETED AUDITORIUM, BUT  
LITTLE INDICATION HOSTILITY FROM AUDIENCE. KY DEFENDED  
US INVOLVEMENT; SAID HE, NOT NIXON, SUGGESTED US TROOPS  
DISENGAGE; BLAMED THIEU FOR GVN COLLAPSE; STATED THIEU  
REMAINED IN POWER LARGELY THROUGH SUPPORT US AMB;  
OPINED WATERGATE WEAKENED PRESIDENCY, LIMITED WHAT  
IT COULD DO TO SAVE VN; REFUSED BLAME US FOR LOSS SVN,  
SINCE BOTH VN, US MADE MISTAKES THAT LED TO COLLAPSE;  
REPEATED CLAIM THAT RESISTANCE EXISTS IN DELTA. KY  
SCHEDULED SPEAK AT 50 SCHOOLS ON TOUR, THOUGH THURS'  
APPEARANCE AT BOSTON COLLEGE CANCELED SINCE SCHOOL  
COULD NOT DEAL WITH "OUTSIDE PRESSURES" (MCALLISTER, WP).

KY BLAMED WEAK LEADERSHIP BY THIEU AS MAIN FACTOR  
IN COLLAPSE. SAID US INVOLVEMENT NOT MISTAKE, BUT  
"NO WIN" POLICY OF LIMITED MIL ACTION, CUT OFF OF FUNDS  
CONTRIBUTED TO DEBACLE. CLAIMED ATTEMPTED FORM  
RESISTANCE DURING LAST DAYS, BUT TURNED DOWN BY US  
OFFICIALS, TOLD LEAVE COUNTRY. ADDED DURING LAST 3 YRS

IN VN, HE HAD NO POL, MIL AUTHORITY, SO RAN FARM  
IN HIGHLANDS (REUTER).

THIEU EXPECTED LEAVE TAIWAN FOR LONDON SOON TO JOIN  
WIFE, SON; HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON FUTURE PLANS (REUTER  
TAIPEI).

FIFTY REFUGEES, INCLUDING 20 WHO THREATEN BURN SELVES  
WILL BE FLOWN FROM PENDLETON TO GUAM WITHIN WK,  
ACCORDING DOS SPOKESMAN (WSTAR 9/17). GUAM SEN ACCUSES  
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US OF BROKEN PROMISES, DEMANDS CALL OFF PLANS SHIP  
"UNSTABLE" REFUGEES TO ISLAND (WP; UPI, NYDN).

#### 6. THAILAND

LAST US MIL PLANES LEAVE NKP TO PAVE WAY FOR COMPLETE  
BASE TURNOVER TO RTG BY NEXT MONTH'S END, LEAVING 3  
US MIL AIR BASES. KORAT, UDORN, U TAPAO WILL BE  
PHASED OUT BEFORE FINAL US MIL WITHDRAWAL BY MAR 20,  
1976 (UPI, NYDN).

#### 7. PHILIPPINES

WIDE SECTIONS LUZON PLACED ON TYPHOON ALERT TO PREPARE  
FOR TROPICAL STORM ALICE (WP).

#### 8. DIEGO GARCIA

MAURITIUS SPOKESMAN SAYS 1.4 MILLION DOLS PAID BY UK,  
FOR RESETTLEMENT 1000 FROM DG TO MAKE WAY FOR JOINT  
US-UK BASE, NOT SPENT BECAUSE BRITISH HAD NOT ORGANIZED  
PLAN ON HOW SPEND IT (WP).

#### 9. AUSTRALIA

AT INDEPENDENCE DINNER TUESDAY, WHITLAM SAID AUSTRALIA  
COULD NEVER BE FREE UNTIL PNG FREE, SO LIBERATION DAY  
AS MUCH FOR AUSTRALIA AS PNG (PHINQ).

CSM'S VICKERS AT SYDNEY REPORTS CONTINUING, INCREASINGLY  
ACRIMINOUS POLITICAL WRANGLE OVER VAST AUSSIE MINERAL  
RESOURCES. LIBERAL PARTY INSISTS FOREIGN CAPITAL,  
KNOW-HOW ESSENTIAL FOR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT; JAPANESE  
ALSO BELIEVE FOREIGN MONEY, TECHNOLOGY NEEDED, SOME  
CRITICIZE LABOR GOVT GO-IT-ALONE POLICIES. PRESSURE  
MOUNTS ON GOVT TO EASE NONCOOPERATION WITH MINING  
INDUSTRY, STRICT GOVT CONTROLS, SINCE POLICIES HAVE  
REDUCED EXPLORATION.

#### 10. TIMOR

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REUTER (JAKARTA) REPORTS INDONESIA THREATENING POSSIBLE  
RETALIATION BY BY PRO-INDO PARTIES IN TIMOR; GOI SENDS  
FLOTILLA REINFORCEMENTS TO TIMOR SEA NAVAL UNITS  
(SUN, CSM, WP, NYT).  
COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

CITING REPORTED PRC CONCERN ABOUT BEING ENCIRCLED  
BY SOVIET-SPONSORED ASIA COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM,  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE (9/9) SUGGESTS THIS IS  
AREA IN WHICH US AND PRC MIGHT REACH "TEMPORARY  
ALLIANCE OF INTERESTS." ADDS THAT SOVIET SHOULD  
RECOGNIZE THAT NUMBER OF NATIONS VIEW ITS ASIAN  
PROPOSALS WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. KISSINGER

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